

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: NETWORK ELEMENT WITH REDUNDANT SWITCHING MATRIX

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading **--Background of the Invention--**.

line 3 (not including the title or paragraph spacing), delete “, as set forth in the preamble of claim 1”.

Page 2, after line 21, insert the heading **--Summary of the Invention--**.

after line 30, insert the heading **--Brief Description of the Drawings--**.

Page 3, lines 3-5, delete in their entirety and insert **--room--**;

after line 5, insert:

--This object is attained by a network element for a digital communications network, comprising: a number of interface modules, a first, active switching matrix connected to the interface modules for switching paths between the interface modules, a